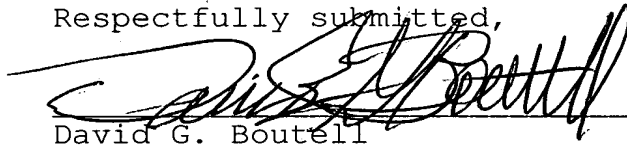


REMARKS

Claim 25 has been added. Claim 24 is clearly generic and Claim 5 clearly reads onto the elected species of Figure 3. Reinstatement of Claim 5 is respectfully solicited. Applicants respectfully request consideration of Claims 2-6, 9-15, 24 and 25.

The Fujikake reference does not teach (using the Examiner's current interpretation thereof as a basis) the provision of radially open pores opening into the primary groove at the bottom of which there is provided a re-entrant groove. Beutler et al, Masukawa et al, McLain and Nishizawa et al also do not teach the aforesaid features. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 2-6, 9-15, 24 and 25 are allowable and formal notice to such effect is respectfully solicited.

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